

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina

Long-distance trips account for a significant amount of travel and include a large share of American households. This travel has economic, social and environmental consequences.

- During 1995, about 76 percent of the households in North Carolina took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. North Carolina households travel less than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in North Carolina took 29.9 million person-trips, an average of 4.8 trips and 3,164 miles per traveler. Visitors to North Carolina took 30.0 million person-trips, an average of 4.4 trips and 3,069 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to North Carolina has increased 10 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has increased 42 percent. On average in the United States, the number of trips per traveler has grown 20 percent and the number of miles has increased 39 percent since 1977.
- People who live in North Carolina take 4.4 car trips per traveler compared with 2.3 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (3,938 miles) than by car (2,317 miles).
- Travelers from North Carolina who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 3.0 trips per traveler compared with 6.2 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in North Carolina are South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. Virginia, Florida and Georgia are the most popular origin states for travelers to North Carolina.

Table 1. Travel Characteristics for North Carolina and the United States: 1977 and 1995

	North Carolina			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
People who live in area						
Percent traveling households	67	76	12.8	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	4.9	5.2	6.1	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	7.3	6.9	-5.5	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	2.6	4.2	61.5	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	4.8	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	3,164	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	663	NA	709	827	16.6
People who visit area						
Trips per traveler	4.0	4.4	10.0	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	2,155	3,069	42.4	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	541	694	28.3	709	827	16.6

Note: Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error; 1995 data are preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1977 National Travel Survey, TC77-N-2.



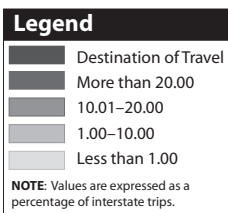
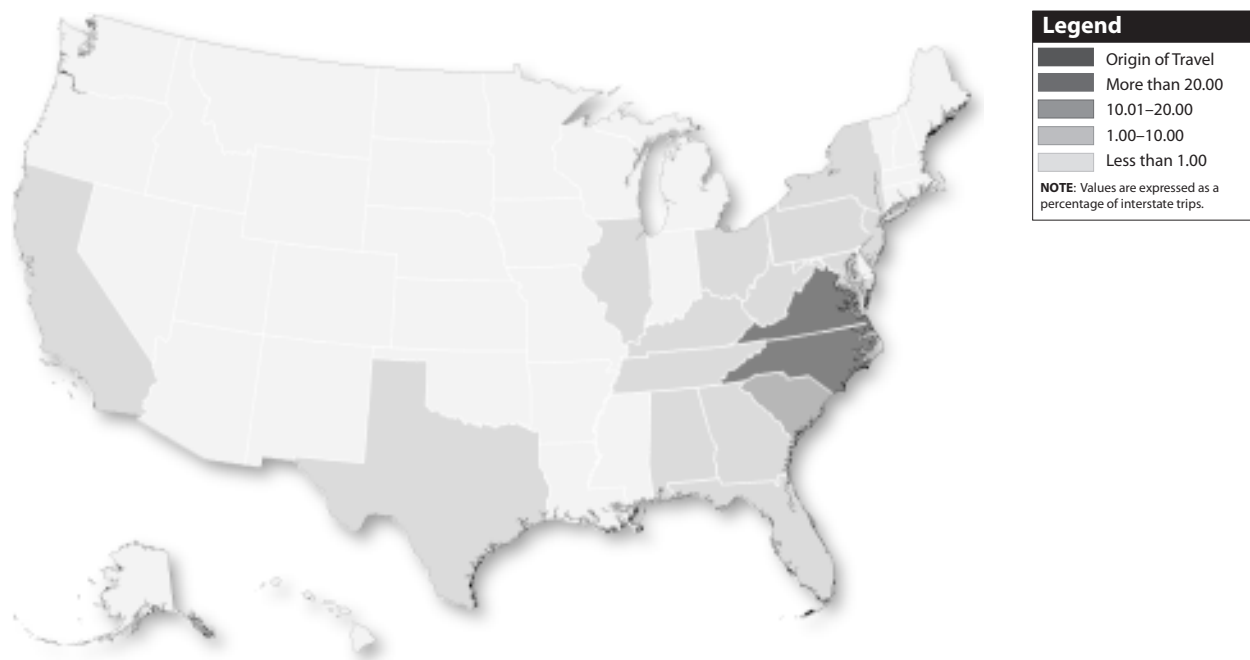


Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit North Carolina (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN NORTH CAROLINA		12,665	
Alabama	284	Missouri	113
Alaska	3	Montana	4
Arizona	51	Nebraska	11
Arkansas	36	Nevada	6
California	286	New Hampshire	28
Colorado	114	New Jersey	710
Connecticut	160	New Mexico	10
Delaware	88	New York	840
District of Columbia	150	North Dakota	3
Florida	1,227	Ohio	600
Georgia	1,550	Oklahoma	37
Hawaii	5	Oregon	15
Idaho	8	Pennsylvania	1,126
Illinois	297	Rhode Island	25
Indiana	118	South Carolina	2,805
Iowa	34	South Dakota	5
Kansas	44	Tennessee	615
Kentucky	188	Texas	237
Louisiana	77	Utah	11
Maine	16	Vermont	21
Maryland	869	Virginia	3,761
Massachusetts	52	Washington	41
Michigan	117	West Virginia	349
Minnesota	64	Wisconsin	82
Mississippi	74	Wyoming	2

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**Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in North Carolina (In thousands)**

TRIPS WITHIN NORTH CAROLINA 12,665			
Alabama	138	Missouri	121
Alaska	11	Montana	13
Arizona	41	Nebraska	38
Arkansas	46	Nevada	67
California	178	New Hampshire	4
Colorado	68	New Jersey	148
Connecticut	83	New Mexico	3
Delaware	45	New York	519
District of Columbia	359	North Dakota	—
Florida	1,175	Ohio	206
Georgia	1,834	Oklahoma	26
Hawaii	22	Oregon	8
Idaho	—	Pennsylvania	499
Illinois	223	Rhode Island	12
Indiana	141	South Carolina	3,862
Iowa	49	South Dakota	7
Kansas	105	Tennessee	1,100
Kentucky	302	Texas	216
Louisiana	91	Utah	21
Maine	17	Vermont	54
Maryland	552	Virginia	2,655
Massachusetts	250	Washington	30
Michigan	195	West Virginia	694
Minnesota	120	Wisconsin	255
Mississippi	94	Wyoming	6

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Table 4. Travel Rates by Trip and Traveler Characteristics for North Carolina: 1995

	Person trips [†]	Number of travelers [†]	Trips per traveler	Miles [*]	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA	29,885	6,226	4.8	20,087	3,164	663
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	25,891	5,905	4.4	13,678	2,317	528
Commercial air	2,905	1,289	2.3	5,078	3,938	1,748
Intercity bus	50	50	1.0	114	2,260	2,260
Train	113	99	1.1	120	1,215	1,063
Other	926	534	1.7	1,098	2,057	1,186
Main purpose						
Business	6,452	1,622	3.0	4,827	2,976	748
Visit friends or relatives	10,287	3,805	2.7	7,240	1,903	704
Leisure	8,969	3,656	2.5	5,682	1,554	634
Other	4,178	1,882	2.2	2,339	1,242	560
Income						
Less than \$25,000	4,347	1,438	3.0	2,718	1,889	625
\$25,000 to \$49,999	13,206	3,070	4.3	8,680	2,827	657
\$50,000 or greater	12,333	1,989	6.2	8,690	4,370	705
Age						
Less than 24	6,978	1,984	3.5	4,391	2,213	629
25 to 64	20,355	3,802	5.4	13,641	3,588	670
65 and over	2,553	549	4.7	2,055	3,743	805
Gender						
Male	15,579	2,902	5.4	10,603	3,654	681
Female	14,306	3,362	4.3	9,485	2,821	663
PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA	30,034	6,826	4.4	20,841	3,069	694
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	26,852	5,783	4.6	15,167	2,623	565
Commercial air	2,490	818	3.0	4,942	6,042	1,985
Intercity bus	57	19	2.0	83	4,307	1,438
Train	94	38	2.5	74	1,959	787
Other	541	168	3.2	560	3,331	1,035
Main purpose						
Business	6,122	1,267	4.8	4,324	3,413	706
Visit friends or relatives	10,954	2,656	4.1	8,487	3,195	775
Leisure	8,691	2,767	3.1	5,505	1,989	633
Other	4,267	1,136	3.8	2,510	2,210	588
Income						
Less than \$25,000	3,671	916	4.0	2,207	2,411	601
\$25,000 to \$49,999	12,452	2,707	4.6	7,166	2,647	576
\$50,000 or greater	13,912	3,051	4.6	11,452	3,754	823
Age						
Less than 24	6,915	1,781	3.9	4,862	2,729	703
25 to 64	20,387	4,308	4.7	14,149	3,284	694
65 and over	2,732	582	4.7	1,815	3,121	664
Gender						
Male	15,714	3,307	4.8	10,971	3,317	698
Female	14,320	3,332	4.3	9,854	2,957	688

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